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This communication is in response to the applicant's communication of 4/23/02 (Paper No. 30) in which the applicant provided evidence that the communication mailed 10/23/01 (Paper No. 27) was not received by the applicants. After review of Paper No. 30, it is accepted that the applicant did not receive Paper No. 27 and accordingly, Paper No. 27 is remailed as a part of this communication and the period for response reset to start from the mailing of the instant communication.

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ATTACHMENT TO THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE EXAMINER

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 8/10/01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the replacement sheets for the figures, which contain the sequence identifiers for the sequences in the figures, was indicated in the reply as being present (as a part of the required full compliance with the Sequence Rules), but several careful reviews of all papers filed in the reply did not locate the proposed figure replacement sheets. Although there is no indication in the file contents that figure replacement sheets were filed as a part of the reply filed 8/10/01, it is unclear whether the replacement sheets were not received as a part of the reply or whether they were received, but not noted in the file contents and lost from the file prior to the application being forwarded to the examiner. Either way, new replacement sheets are needed for a full response to the last communication and prior to the examination of the instant application. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR
1.136(a).

Applicant is invited to directly contact the examiner as indicated below in order to expedite filing of the required replacement sheets and thus expedite examination on the merits of the instant application.

Conclusion

Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1636 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d)). The official fax telephone numbers for the Group are (703) 308-4242 and (703) 305-3014.

NOTE: If Applicant does submit a paper by fax, the original signed copy should be retained by applicant or applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.

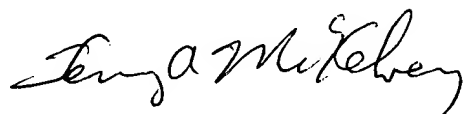
Any inquiry concerning missing attachments or other minor formalities of this communication should be directed to the patent analyst, Zeta Adams, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3291.

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Any inquiry concerning rejections or other major issues in this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Terry A. McKelvey whose telephone number is (703) 305-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, except for Wednesdays, from about 7:30 AM to about 6:00 PM. A phone message left at this number will be responded to as soon as possible (i.e., shortly after the examiner returns to his office).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Dr. Robert Schwartzman, can be reached on (703) 308-7307.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.



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